Recreation

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

The FY09-14 Capital Improvements Program for the Department of Recreation reflects a continuing effort to provide recreation facilities for residents of all ages, sexes, and skill levels to participate in leisure activities. Emphasis is placed on increasing program opportunities for populations with special needs such as youth, senior adults, and persons with disabilities. Currently, the Department of Recreation is responsible for managing the following facilities: the Randolph Road Administration Building, 3 senior centers, 17 community/neighborhood recreation centers, 4 indoor and 7 outdoor swimming pools, Good Hope Spray Park, the Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity, and a recreation warehouse.

In FY97, after County Executive approval, the Department of Recreation adopted the *Community Recreation Facilities Plan (FY97-10)*. This plan, updated in 2005, covers community/neighborhood recreation centers, senior centers, and indoor and outdoor pools, and is the primary reference guide for long-range recreation capital facilities development through 2010. The projects recommended in the FY09-14 CIP are consistent with the updated plan.

The Facility Planning: MCG project contains a number of Recreation initiatives including a comprehensive facilities service master plan for 2010 to 2030. This will replace the current plan, which expires in 2010.

The Department of Recreation, the Revenue Authority, and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) together provide the residents of Montgomery County with a variety of leisure and recreational amenities: parks and athletic fields; community recreation centers; indoor and outdoor swim facilities; public golf courses; indoor ice rinks; and indoor tennis facilities. Expenditure and revenue data for each agency are presented at the end of this section.

HIGHLIGHTS

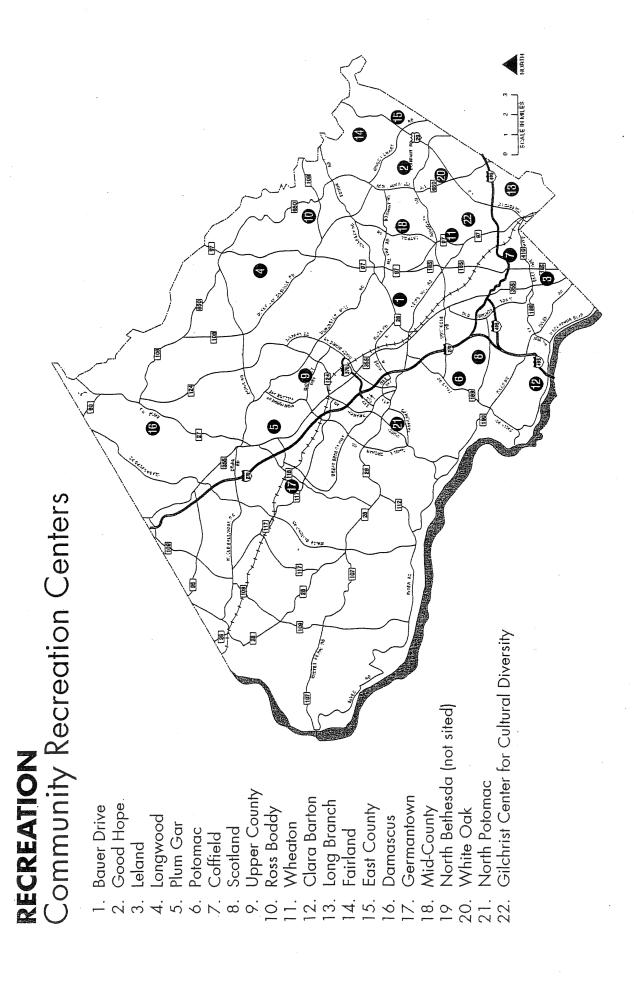
- Commence design of the Plum Gar Neighborhood Center in an effort to renovate older centers in need of refurbished programmatic space.
- Add the Recreation Facility Modernization project to facilitate a plan for recreation center renovations.
- Begin design of the Wheaton Community Recreation Center - Rafferty.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

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CAPITAL PROGRAM REVIEW

Nine ongoing and two new projects of which one is an FY08 supplemental request totaling \$54.7 million comprise the six-year Capital Program for the Department of Recreation, representing a \$5.2 million or 8.7 percent decrease from the amended FY07-12 program of \$59.9 million. The decrease is due to project expenditures moving out of the six-year period, and two projects are recommended for design only.



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Aquatics Facilities

- 1. Bethesda (outdoor)
- 2. Germantown (outdoor)
- 3. Long Branch (outdoor) 4. Martin Luther King, Jr. Swim Center
 - (indoor; outdoor)
 5. Montgomery Aquatic Center
 (indoor)
 6. Olney Swim Center
- (indoor) 7. Upper County (outdoor)

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- 8. Western County
- (outdoor) 9. Wheaton/Glenmont (outdoor)

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